



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Inventor : Yasuji OTA  
Masanao SUZUKI  
Yoshiteru TSUCHINAGA

RECEIVED

Serial No. : 09/386,824

APR 24 2002

Filed : August 31, 1999

## **Technology Center 2600**

**Examiner** : **Abul K. Azad**

**Group Art Unit** : 2641

April 18, 2002

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

## **RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions for a one-month extension, a petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(A) and authorization to charge the requisite fee being enclosed.

In response to the Office Action dated January 3, 2002, please amend the subject application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

1. (Amended) A voice coding method based on analysis-by-synthesis vector quantization comprising:

11129545.01

3

Filled by Express Mail  
(Receipt No. E1047071225 (S))  
on 4/18/02  
pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.10.  
by Patricia Flan